

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OOSTBURG

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The School District of Oostburg serves milk every school day. JK students may buy milk for **\$18.00 for the school year or apply for free milk through the Special Milk Program** for eligibility. This program is optional, and a note was included in your registration packet.

1. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application to apply for free milk. *Use one Free Milk Application for all students in your household.* We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information.
2. WHO CAN GET FREE MILK? All children in households receiving benefits from FoodShare, or Wisconsin Works (W-2) Cash Benefits, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), and most foster children can get free milk regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free milk if your household's gross income is within the limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
3. CAN FOSTER CHILDREN GET FREE MILK? Yes. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free milk. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free milk regardless of income.
4. CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MILK? Yes. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free milk. If you haven't been told your children will get free milk, please call Bryce DeRoos at (920) 564-2346 to see if they qualify.
5. MY CHILD'S APPLICATION WAS APPROVED LAST YEAR. DO I NEED TO FILL OUT ANOTHER ONE? Yes. Your child's application is only good for that school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
6. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MILK? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free milk, but it is based on income. Please fill out an application.
7. WILL THE INFORMATION I GIVE BE CHECKED? Yes. We may also ask you to provide written proof.
8. IF I DON'T QUALIFY NOW, MAY I APPLY LATER? Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting FoodShare, FDPIR, W-2 Cash Benefits, or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free milk.
9. WHAT IF I DISAGREE WITH THE SCHOOL'S DECISION ABOUT MY APPLICATION? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **School District of Oostburg – Attn: School Board President, Jim Swart at: 410 New York Ave., Oostburg, WI 53070 or at (920) 564-2346.**

10. MAY I APPLY IF SOMEONE IN MY HOUSEHOLD IS NOT A U.S. CITIZEN? Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be U.S. citizens to qualify for free milk.
11. WHO SHOULD I INCLUDE AS MEMBERS OF MY HOUSEHOLD? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living with you. Also include household members temporarily living away from home, such as college students. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
12. WHAT IF MY INCOME IS NOT ALWAYS THE SAME? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.
13. WE ARE IN THE MILITARY. DO WE INCLUDE OUR HOUSING ALLOWANCE AS INCOME? If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
14. MY SPOUSE IS DEPLOYED TO A COMBAT ZONE. IS HIS/HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to his/her basic pay because of his/her deployment and it wasn't received before s/he was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
15. MY FAMILY NEEDS MORE HELP. ARE THERE OTHER PROGRAMS WE MIGHT APPLY FOR? To find out how to apply for FoodShare or other assistance benefits, contact your local county human services office or call 1-800-362-3002.

If you have other questions or need help, call (920) 564-2392 x4317 after Aug. 16th, 2016.

Sincerely,

Michele Dalmes

**School District of Oostburg
Food Service Manager**